

Do you receive constant inquiries from all of your business relationships regarding your business practices and the risks they may have?

Do you have to answer to auditors and stakeholders about the risks the vendors you utilize present as business challenges?

Then it may be time for a Service Organization Control (SOC) audit.

Contact us today for more information. We are here to help.

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## THE RIGHT AUDIT FOR THE RIGHT SERVICE IN A BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP

There are several difference kinds of Service Organization Control (SOC) audits, such as:

### SOC 1

A SOC 1 report provides assurance to regulators on controls over financial reporting. These reports present customized controls covering information technology general controls (ITGC) and specific business model controls. By its very definition under SSAE 18 guidance, SOC 1 is the audit of a third-party vendor's accounting and financial controls.

### SOC 2

SOC 2 reports cover controls for business systems, processes, and data and may be used by leaders in internal audit, risk management, operations, business lines and IT, as well as regulators and business partners. These reports present specific control activities of the business under a framework referred to as trust service principles that covers Security, Availability, Integrity and Confidentiality along with Privacy, if applicable. When concerned with private, confidential, available, and secure IT services then a SOC 2 report.

### SOC 2+

Other regulated or required frameworks are often needed by various organizations. These can be paired with the accepted trust services principles to address other compliance and regulatory frameworks, such as National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Health Information Trust Alliance (HITRUST), or General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Framework	Maps to trust services
NIST 800-53	Security & availability
ISO 27001	Security & availability
CSA CCM	Security & availability
HIPAA security	Security
HIPAA privacy	Privacy/Confidentiality

The AICPA has introduced certain specialized guidance for SOC audits that KerberRose can also provide. The most recent is the SOC for Supply Chain, which couldn't come at a better time. With recent events, it is more crucial than ever to assess supply chain risks and make efforts to mitigate those risks for Production, Manufacturing or Distribution systems.

A SOC 1 or a SOC 2 has two types — SOC 2 Type I and SOC 2 Type II. A Type I audit provides an audit of controls as of a date, which is an examination of the controls design. A Type II audit provides an audit of controls over an audit period, which is an examination of the controls design and effectiveness.